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SUBJECT: SEIZURE OF U.S. SHRIMP VESSELS

1. SHRIMP VESSELS RONALD KEITH AND MASTER W II, BOTH OF BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS, WERE SEIZED BY MEXICAN NAVAL VESSEL SATURDAY MORNING FOR ALLEGEDLY FISHING WITHIN MEXICO'S 12 MILE LIMIT. THE SHRIMPERS WERE ESCORTED TO THE PORT OF TUXPAN WHERE THEY ARE NOW.

2. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THE TEXAS SHRIMP ASSOCIATION IN BROWNSVILLE, U.S. BOATS CLAIM THEIR LORAN AND RADAR BEARINGS PUT THEM 13 MILES OFF LOBOS ISLAND. MEXICAN NAVY GIVES BEARINGS THAT WOULD PUT THEM AT 9 MILES OFFSHORE.

3. LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE OF TEXAS SHRIMP ASSOCIATION AT TUXPAN INFORMS THEM THAT FINES COULD BE AS HIGH AS \$40,000 PER BOAT IF FOUND GUILTY. HEARING IS SCHEDULED FOR TODAY.

4. FISHATT HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH OFFICE OF MEDINA NERI TO EXPRESS CONCERN OVER POSSIBILITY OF EXCESSIVE FINES THAT COULD CAUSE PRESSURES FOR RETALIATORY ACTION IF MEXICAN BOATS ARE APPREHENDED IN U.S. WATERS.

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